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1 AN ACT Relating to alternative public works; amending RCW
2 39.10.230, 39.10.250, 39.10.270, 39.10.300, and 39.10.330; and
3 repealing RCW 39.10.310.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 39.10.230 and 2007 c 494 s 103 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The board has the following powers and duties:

8 (1) Develop and recommend to the legislature policies to further
9 enhance the quality, efficiency, and accountability of capital
10 construction projects through the use of traditional and alternative
11 delivery methods in Washington, and make recommendations regarding
12 expansion, continuation, elimination, or modification of the
13 alternative public works contracting methods;

14 (2) Evaluate the use of existing contracting procedures and
15 potential future use of other alternative contracting procedures
16 including competitive negotiation contracts;

17 (3) Develop guidelines to be used by the committee for the review
18 and approval of design-build demonstration projects that procure
19 operations and maintenance services;

1 (4) Appoint members of the committee; and
2 (~~(4)~~) (5) Develop and administer questionnaires designed to
3 provide quantitative and qualitative data on alternative public works
4 contracting procedures on which evaluations are based.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 39.10.250 and 2007 c 494 s 105 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The committee shall:

8 (1) Certify, or recertify, public bodies for a period of three
9 years to use the design-build or general contractor/construction
10 manager, or both, contracting procedures for projects with a total
11 project cost of ten million dollars or more;

12 (2) Review and approve the use of the design-build or general
13 contractor/construction manager contracting procedures on a project by
14 project basis for public bodies that are not certified under RCW
15 39.10.270; (~~and~~)

16 (3) Review and approve the use of the general
17 contractor/construction manager contracting procedure by certified
18 public bodies for projects with a total project cost under ten million
19 dollars;

20 (4) Review and approve not more than ten projects using the design-
21 build contracting procedure by certified and noncertified public bodies
22 for projects that have a total project cost between two million and ten
23 million dollars. Projects must meet the criteria in RCW 39.10.300(1).
24 Where possible, the committee shall approve projects among multiple
25 public bodies. In June 2010, the committee shall report to the board
26 regarding the committee's review procedure of these projects and its
27 recommendations for further use; and

28 (5) Review and approve not more than two design-build demonstration
29 projects that include procurement of operations and maintenance
30 services for a period longer than three years.

31 **Sec. 3.** RCW 39.10.270 and 2007 c 494 s 107 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 (1) A public body may apply for certification to use the design-
34 build or general contractor/construction manager contracting procedure,
35 or both. Once certified, a public body may use the contracting
36 procedure for which it is certified on individual projects with a total

1 project cost over ten million dollars without seeking committee
2 approval. The certification period is three years. A public body
3 seeking certification must submit to the committee an application in a
4 format and manner as prescribed by the committee. The application must
5 include a description of the public body's qualifications, its capital
6 plan during the certification period, and its intended use of
7 alternative contracting procedures.

8 (2) A public body seeking certification for the design-build
9 procedure must demonstrate successful management of at least one
10 design-build project within the previous five years. A public body
11 seeking certification for the general contractor/construction manager
12 procedure must demonstrate successful management of at least one
13 general contractor/construction manager project within the previous
14 five years.

15 (3) To certify a public body, the committee shall determine that
16 the public body:

17 (a) Has the necessary experience and qualifications to determine
18 which projects are appropriate for using alternative contracting
19 procedures;

20 (b) Has the necessary experience and qualifications to carry out
21 the alternative contracting procedure including, but not limited to:
22 (i) Project delivery knowledge and experience; (ii) personnel with
23 appropriate construction experience; (iii) a management plan and
24 rationale for its alternative public works projects; (iv) demonstrated
25 success in managing public works projects; (v) ~~((demonstrated success~~
26 ~~in managing at least one general contractor/construction manager or~~
27 ~~design-build project within the previous five years; (vi))~~ the ability
28 to properly manage its capital facilities plan including, but not
29 limited to, appropriate project planning and budgeting experience; and
30 ~~((vii))~~ (vi) the ability to meet requirements of this chapter; and

31 (c) Has resolved any audit findings on previous public works
32 projects in a manner satisfactory to the committee.

33 ~~((+3))~~ (4) The committee shall, if practicable, make its
34 determination at the public meeting during which an application for
35 certification is reviewed. Public comments must be considered before
36 a determination is made. Within ten business days of the public
37 meeting, the committee shall provide a written determination to the

1 public body, and make its determination available to the public on the
2 committee's web site.

3 ~~((4))~~ (5) The committee may revoke any public body's
4 certification upon a finding, after a public hearing, that its use of
5 design-build or general contractor/construction manager contracting
6 procedures no longer serves the public interest.

7 ~~((5))~~ (6) The committee may renew the certification of a public
8 body for one additional three-year period. The public body must submit
9 an application for recertification at least three months before the
10 initial certification expires. The application shall include updated
11 information on the public body's capital plan for the next three years,
12 its intended use of the procedures, and any other information requested
13 by the committee. The committee must review the application for
14 recertification at a meeting held before expiration of the applicant's
15 initial certification period. A public body must reapply for
16 certification under the process described in subsection (1) of this
17 section once the period of recertification expires.

18 ~~((6))~~ (7) Certified public bodies must submit project data
19 information as required in RCW 39.10.320 and 39.10.350.

20 **Sec. 4.** RCW 39.10.300 and 2007 c 494 s 201 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (1) Subject to the process in RCW 39.10.270 or 39.10.280, public
23 bodies may utilize the design-build procedure for public works projects
24 in which the total project cost is over ten million dollars and where:

25 (a) The design and construction activities, technologies, or
26 schedule to be used are highly specialized and a design-build approach
27 is critical in developing the construction methodology or implementing
28 the proposed technology; or

29 (b) The project design is repetitive in nature and is an incidental
30 part of the installation or construction; or

31 (c) Regular interaction with and feedback from facilities users and
32 operators during design is not critical to an effective facility
33 design.

34 (2) Subject to the process in RCW 39.10.270 or 39.10.280, public
35 bodies may use the design-build procedure for parking garages,
36 regardless of cost.

1 (3) The design-build procedure (~~(also)~~) may be used for the
2 construction or erection of preengineered metal buildings or
3 prefabricated modular buildings, regardless of cost and is not subject
4 to approval by the committee.

5 (4) Except for utility projects and approved demonstration
6 projects, the design-build procedure may not be used to procure
7 operations and maintenance services for a period longer than three
8 years. State agency projects that propose to use the design-build-
9 operate-maintain procedure shall submit cost estimates for the
10 construction portion of the project consistent with the office of
11 financial management's capital budget requirements. Operations and
12 maintenance costs must be shown separately and must not be included as
13 part of the capital budget request.

14 (5) Subject to the process in RCW 39.10.280, public bodies may use
15 the design-build procedure for public works projects in which the total
16 project cost is between two million and ten million dollars and that
17 meet one of the criteria in subsection (1)(a), (b), or (c) of this
18 section.

19 (6) Subject to the process in RCW 39.10.280, a public body may seek
20 committee approval for a design-build demonstration project that
21 includes procurement of operations and maintenance services for a
22 period longer than three years.

23 **Sec. 5.** RCW 39.10.330 and 2007 c 494 s 204 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (1) Contracts for design-build services shall be awarded through a
26 competitive process using public solicitation of proposals for design-
27 build services. The public body shall publish at least once in a legal
28 newspaper of general circulation published in, or as near as possible
29 to, that part of the county in which the public work will be done, a
30 notice of its request for qualifications from proposers for design-
31 build services, and the availability and location of the request for
32 proposal documents. The request for qualifications documents shall
33 include:

34 (a) A general description of the project that provides sufficient
35 information for proposers to submit qualifications;

36 (b) The reasons for using the design-build procedure;

1 (c) A description of the qualifications to be required of the
2 proposer including, but not limited to, submission of the proposer's
3 accident prevention program;

4 (d) A description of the process the public body will use to
5 evaluate qualifications and finalists' proposals, including evaluation
6 factors and the relative weight of factors and any specific forms to be
7 used by the proposers;

8 (i) Evaluation factors for request for qualifications shall
9 include, but not be limited to, technical qualifications, such as
10 specialized experience and technical competence; capability to perform;
11 past performance of the proposers' team, including the architect-
12 engineer and construction members; and other appropriate factors. Cost
13 or price-related factors are not permitted in the request for
14 qualifications phase;

15 (ii) Evaluation factors for finalists' proposals shall include, but
16 not be limited to, the factors listed in (d)(i) of this subsection, as
17 well as technical approach design concept; proposal price; ability of
18 professional personnel; past performance on similar projects; ability
19 to meet time and budget requirements; ability to provide a performance
20 and payment bond for the project; recent, current, and projected
21 workloads of the firm; and location. Alternatively, if the public body
22 determines that all finalists will be capable of producing a design
23 that adequately meets project requirements, the public body may award
24 the contract to the firm that submits the responsive proposal with the
25 lowest price;

26 (e) The form of the contract to be awarded;

27 (f) The amount to be paid to finalists submitting responsive
28 proposals and who are not awarded a design-build contract;

29 (g) The schedule for the procurement process and the project; and

30 (h) Other information relevant to the project.

31 (2) The public body shall establish an evaluation committee to
32 evaluate the responses to the request for qualifications based on the
33 factors, weighting, and process identified in the request for
34 qualifications. Based on the evaluation committee's findings, the
35 public body shall select not more than five responsive and responsible
36 finalists to submit proposals. The public body may, in its sole
37 discretion, reject all proposals and shall provide its reasons for
38 rejection in writing to all proposers.

1 (3) Upon selection of the finalists, the public body shall issue a
2 request for proposals to the finalists, which shall provide the
3 following information:

4 (a) A detailed description of the project including programmatic,
5 performance, and technical requirements and specifications; functional
6 and operational elements; minimum and maximum net and gross areas of
7 any building; and, at the discretion of the public body, preliminary
8 engineering and architectural drawings; and

9 (b) The target budget for the design-build portion of the project.

10 (4) The public body shall establish an evaluation committee to
11 evaluate the proposals submitted by the finalists. Design-build
12 contracts shall be awarded using the procedures in (a) or (b) of this
13 subsection. The public body must identify in the request for
14 qualifications which procedure will be used.

15 (a) The finalists' proposals shall be evaluated and scored based on
16 the factors, weighting, and process identified in the initial request
17 for qualifications and in any addenda published by the public body.
18 Public bodies may request best and final proposals from finalists. The
19 public body shall initiate negotiations with the firm submitting the
20 highest scored proposal. If the public body is unable to execute a
21 contract with the firm submitting the highest scored proposal,
22 negotiations with that firm may be suspended or terminated and the
23 public body may proceed to negotiate with the next highest scored firm.
24 Public bodies shall continue in accordance with this procedure until a
25 contract agreement is reached or the selection process is terminated.

26 (b) If the public body determines that all finalists are capable of
27 producing a design that adequately meets project requirements, the
28 public body may award the contract to the firm that submits the
29 responsive proposal with the lowest price.

30 (5) The firm awarded the contract shall provide a performance and
31 payment bond for the contracted amount. The public body shall provide
32 appropriate honorarium payments to finalists submitting (~~best and~~
33 ~~final~~) responsive proposals that are not awarded a design-build
34 contract. Honorarium payments shall be sufficient to generate
35 meaningful competition among potential proposers on design-build
36 projects. In determining the amount of the honorarium, the public body
37 shall consider the level of effort required to meet the selection
38 criteria.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** RCW 39.10.310 (Design-build procedure--
2 Negotiated adjustments to lowest bid or proposal--When allowed) and
3 2007 c 494 s 202 & 1994 c 132 s 8 are each repealed.

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